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TITLE OF INVENTION	ANCHOR AND METHOD OF UNCOUPLING FOR SUCH ANCHOR			

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Notice of Allowability

Application No.

09/367,761

Examiner

Sherman D. Basinger

Applicant(s)

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to the amendment filed June 29, 2001.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-30 and 33-36.
3. ☐ The drawings filed on _____ are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☒ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
 - * Certified copies not received: _____.
5. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) (to a provisional application).
 - (a) ☐ The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.
6. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121.

Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application. **THIS THREE-MONTH PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE.**

7. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
8. ☒ CORRECTED DRAWINGS must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No. _____.
 - (b) ☒ including changes required by the proposed drawing correction filed 14 August 2000, which has been approved by the Examiner.
 - (c) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No. _____.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the top margin (not the back) of each sheet. The drawings should be filed as a separate paper with a transmittal letter addressed to the Official Draftsperson.

9. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

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| 1 <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 2 <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
| 3 <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | 4 <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No. _____ |
| 5 <input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449), Paper No. _____ | 6 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Amendment/Comment |
| 7 <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material | 8 <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance |
| | 9 <input type="checkbox"/> Other |

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

2. Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Mr. Terry Morgan on July 12, 18 and 19, 2001.

3. The application has been amended as follows:

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In claim 7, lines 2-3, "between parts of the anchor shank are connected by both coupling members," has been deleted as being unclear.

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Claim 31 has been canceled as not having clear support in the specification.

During the interview, whether the specification had basis for what was claimed in claims 16 and 17 was discussed. Applicant pointed out that basis for claim 16 can be found in figures 1A-1D and page 8, line 25. Applicant pointed out that basis for claim 17 can be found in figure 8 and the description of figure 8 on page 15, lines 20-end and line 1 of page 16, and especially in lines 32 and 33 of page 15 where it is disclosed that the

coupling, while not indicated, is situated at the location of attachment 311, the coupling inherently being the hook and pin. The lever mechanism of claim 17 is made up of lever 307 and rod 309 of figure 8.

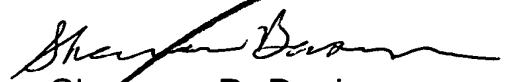
4. Additional changes made to the claims but not discussed during the interview are the correction of "pinat" in claim 4, line 2 to -pin at-, the correction of the spelling of "rigid" in claim 10, line 4, and the correction of the spelling of "release" in claim 34 next to the last line.

5. The 37 C.F.R. 1.83 requirements made in the first paragraph of the office action mailed March 21, 2001 are overcome by the argument presented in the July 29, 2001 response that the urging means may include cams 17 and 19, by the argument presented in the July 29, 2001 response that slot 70 runs according to a curve which is concentric to the central axis of the pin found on page 12, lines 3-5, by the argument that the lever mechanism is found in figure 8 of the drawings, and by the canceling of claim 31. With regard to showing the second pin which is fixed to the intermediate member of claim 12, the showing of the second pin 66 in the slot of the intermediate member 65 is sufficient with regard to 37 C.F.R. 1.83 for what is claimed in claim 12.

6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Sherman D. Basinger whose telephone number is 703-308-1139. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F (6:00-2:30 ET).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Samuel J. Morano can be reached on 703-308-0230. The fax phone numbers for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned are 703-305-7687 for regular communications and 703-305-7687 for After Final communications.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is 703-308-1113.


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